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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Branch, DFD-DD/P

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ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Utilization of Patrick Air Force Base

1. This will confirm our discussion, this date, wherein Patrick Air Force Base was suggested for possible consideration in connection with the projected operations.

2. It was determined this morning, by this Branch, that Patrick had the capability to support U-2's in the following areas: fuel, Perkins-Elmer test equipment, FAK, Ground Handling Equipment, Ground Power Equipment and a hangar. Captain Carpenter, ARDC, indicated further that he would be willing to furnish a man from his organization to handle the FAK. Fuel would have to be augmented, particularly, if Patrick were used for tactical reconnaissance. There are no ARDC U-2's in place at Patrick at this time.

3. All things being equal, Del Rio would certainly be the best for operations in view of their extensive capabilities, and Patrick should be considered only as a secondary consideration in the event distances become critical.

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Chief, Materiel Branch
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